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City of Barrie

Final

Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 | **3:00 PM** | **Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting**

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by General Committee on June 14, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, B. Hamilton at 3:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, B. Hamilton
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, C. Riepma

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, S. Morales.

STAFF:
Associate Director of Corporate Management, K. Oakley
Business Process Lead (Transit), M. McConnell
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Chief Financial Officer, C. Millar
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Infrastructure, S. Diemart
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, D. Bell
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran

Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Lovenmark
Manager of Parks Planning, K. Bradley
Senior Asset Management Program Coordinator, S. Drewette
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs
Supervisor of Information Management and Privacy, M. Williams
Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure, J. Zimmerman.

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 2019-100, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the Reports of Officers of The Corporation listed under Agenda Item 7 were considered after the each of the applicable presentations listed under Agenda Item 3.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE WATERFRONT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Wendy Loevenmark, Landscape Architectural Planner, introduced Trevor McIntyre, Arcadis IBI Group/IBI Group to provide a presentation concerning an update to the Waterfront Strategic Plan.

Mr. McIntyre discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The purpose and need for the update, including community growth, the COVID-19 pandemic, a shift in societal trends, and the need for a flexible and actionable plan;
- The three distinctive shores around Kempenfelt Bay, being the North, West and South Shores;
- A timeline and summary of the engagement process, including stakeholder engagement, public information centres, and public surveys;
- The three pillars of the community vision for the Barrie Waterfront - inclusive, resilient, and activated;
- The specific goals within each pillar that support a balanced and strong waterfront;
- The 10 Strategic Priorities for the Barrie Waterfront;
- A map demonstrating opportunities for enhanced waterfront connectivity and access points to waterfront parks;
- A map demonstrating opportunities for shoreline remediation and environmental protection;
- A map demonstrating opportunities for promoting active transportation and reducing parking needs;

- The three focus areas identified by the community for revitalization, being Spirit Catcher Park, Sam Cancilla Park, and Minet's Point Park;
- An implementation timeline with short-, medium-, and long-term goals;
- A forecast of the cost associated with the implementation plan, including a breakdown of short, medium, and long-term capital costs; and
- A summary of the process and the resulting strategy that is collaborative, community-led, and will strengthen ongoing plans and initiatives.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions to Mr. McIntyre and City staff and received responses.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendations:

SECTION "B"

WATERFRONT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

That the Report to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated May 31, 2023 concerning the Waterfront Strategic Plan Update, be deferred to the September 2023 Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee meeting.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/14/2023.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING BARRIE TRANSIT'S NEW NETWORK VISION

Brent Forsyth, Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, introduced Denis Kar of Dillon Consulting to provide a presentation regarding Barrie's Transit's New Network Vision.

Mr. Kar discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- A recap of the project, including its purpose and scope;

- A summary of the public engagement conducted in the Winter of 2021 and Fall of 2022, including content, tools and responses;
- The results from the first public consultation and the public calls to action for a transit network that is fast, reliable and maintains existing coverage;
- The Council approved transit service guidelines outlining the hierarchy of routes;
- A comparison of the existing and proposed transit network in accommodating existing customers;
- A comparison of the existing and proposed transit network in improving frequency;
- The 2025 transit network's response to achieving the public calls to action;
- Pie charts demonstrating the results from the second public consultation session in confirming the 2025 transit network achieves the goals of quickness and frequency; and
- The phased implementation planned for 2024 and 2025.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions to Mr. Kar and City staff and received responses.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

BARRIE TRANSIT'S NEW NETWORK

1. That the New Transit Network for implementation of the interim network in 2024 and the ultimate network in 2025 attached as Appendix "A" to the Report to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated May 31, 2023 concerning the 2024 and 2025 network maps, be approved.

2. That to reflect the changes required for the New Transit Network, the current multi-year approved capital budget associated with TR1029 - Conventional Bus Replacement project be updated as follows:

Current - Conventional Transit Bus Replacement (in Thousands)

	Prior Year Approval	**2023**	**2024**	**Total**
Budget	$1,224	$2,238	$2,316	$5,778

Province Contributions	$404	$738	$764	$1,906
Federal Contribution	$471	$895	$926	$2,292
TCR Contribution	$349	$604	$625	$1,578
Total	**$1,224**	**$2,237**	**$2,315**	**$5,776**

Revised Conventional Transit Bus Replacement (In Thousands)

	Prior Year Approval	**2023**	**2024**	**Total**
Budget	-	$2,120	$1,468	$3,588
Province Contributions	-	$700	-	$700
Federal Contribution	-	$848	-	$848
TCR Contribution	-	$573	$1,468	$2,040
Total:	**-**	**$2,120**	**$1,468**	**$3,588**

3. That a one-time $423,700 cost for a Public Educational Plan and service transition plan, including fare-free on Transit on Demand (TOD) for the 4-week transit service model overlap and a contract position for a period of 12 months to be funded from the Ontario Gas Tax Reserve, be approved.

4. That as part of the transition to the new system, the Director of Transit and Parking Strategy or designate be given delegated authority to provide transit fare products at no cost or discounted costs to incentivize and promote transit ridership through ongoing educational programming.

5. That the Director of Transit and Parking Strategy or designate receive delegated authority to execute Platforming agreements where regional carriers are accessing City property and where the City is accessing non-city owned property.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/14/2023.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE FACILITIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Scott Drewette, Senior Asset Management Coordinator, provided a presentation regarding the Facilities, Parks, and Recreation Asset Management Plan.

Mr. Drewette discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Asset management at the City, including the value of City assets and the overall goal of asset management;
- The City's compliance with O. Reg 588/17 - Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure which requires asset plans by 2024;
- A chart illustrating assets by service area, category, and replacement value;
- Bar graphs illustrating the age and condition of facilities assets and parks and outdoor recreation assets;
- The connection between sustaining levels of service and investment in assets;
- Highlights on the levels of service for facilities, parks, and outdoor recreation assets;
- A chart illustrating the lifecycle needs of assets, including growth, renewal, operations, and maintenance needs in order to maintain current levels of service;
- A comparison of forecasted needs versus planned expenditures and associated funding gaps; and
- The next steps in the asset management program, including meeting regulatory deadlines, a level of service analysis, and advancing the City's asset management capabilities.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "F"

APPROVAL OF FACILITIES, PARKS AND RECREATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

That the 2023 Facilities, Parks, and Recreation Asset Management Plan (AMP) dated May 2023 attached to the Report to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee dated May 31, 2023 concerning the approval of the Facilities, Parks and Recreation Asset Management Plan, be approved. (File: C11-APP)

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/14/2023.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "G"

PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY - YARD NATURALIZATION

1. That staff in Access Barrie, in consultation with the Enforcement Services Branch, investigate the creation of communication tools including yard signage and online educational materials to promote and designate natural gardens and boulevard gardens and report back to General Committee.

2. That staff in the Enforcement Services Branch investigate an amendment to the Yard Maintenance By-law to allow for residents to participate in No Mow May and that staff in Access Barrie investigate the creation of signage and communication tools to clearly communicate the benefits of No Mow May and report back to General Committee.

No further action was taken.

REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 7, 2022

The Report of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee dated June 7, 2022 was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 16, 2022.

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated June 16, 2022 was received.

REPORT OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 21, 2022.

The Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated June 21, 2022 was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED JULY 21, 2022.

The Report of Community in Bloom Committee dated July 21, 2022 was received.

REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 2, 2022.

The Report of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee dated August 2, 2022 was received.

REPORT OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 16, 2022.

The Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated August 16, 2022 was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 18, 2022.

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated August 18, 2022 was received.

REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2022.

The Report of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee dated September 6, 2022 was received.

REPORT OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2022.

The Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated September 20, 2022 was received.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN